The allocation of all the three types of paraffin wax to various States/Union Territories is made keeping in view the product availability. To make the product easily available, paraffin wax has been decanalised with effect from 1-4-1992.

(b) The Directorate of Industries, Haryana has requested for about 700 MTs per month of Paraffin Wax Type-III(Match Wax).

(c) Ad-1 oc allocation of match wax in 1993 was made to these States to liquidate the surplus availability at that particular point of time. The demand of individual State Government is decided on merits.

Spot purchase of Crude Oil from International Market by IOC

5739. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the spot-purchase of crude oil from the International market for supplementing indigenous supply is canalised through the Indian Oil Corporation;

(b) if so, what is the procedure favoured by IOC for the spot-purchases in particular whether it floats a tender and awards a contract for the purchase; and

(c) if so,. the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Spot purchases are made through issue of tenders to parties already registered with Indian Oil Corporation and contracts awarded based on the maximum gains.

Heavy losses to ONGC

5740. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission is suffering heavy losses due to taking of loans from the international cpital market at higher rats of inter.st and investing this amount in Government securities and public deposits at Lesser stte of interest;

(b) if so the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the remedial measures being taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINIS *TRY* OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Allocation of LPG dealership to State Civil Supplies Corporation

5741. SHRI SARADA MOHAN-TY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that State Civil Supplies Corporations have made applications for allocation of LPG dealership to them;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by the Central Government to give dealership to them;

(c) whether there is any criteria for distribution or allotment of LPG connections to the States; and

(d) what is the present State-wise allotment of LPG oowwctionsi ?